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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ANDERSON MAN SENTENCED  
FOR FEDERAL CHILD PORN CRIMES**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, announced that WILLIAM EPPERSON, 29, Anderson, Indiana, was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to distributing, receiving and possessing of child pornography. This case was the result of information provided by law enforcement authorities in Germany and was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Anderson Police Department.

The indictment charged EPPERSON with one count of distributing an image file containing child pornography by means of a computer on November 29, 2003. EPPERSON

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was also charged with three counts of receiving image and movie files of child pornography by means of a computer on November 30, 2002, December 6, 2002, and December 22, 2002. Finally, EPPERSON was charged with one count of possessing a computer containing numerous image files of child pornography on January 10, 2003.

The child pornography involved in this case was produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the material was a visual depiction of such conduct. Some of the images involved depictions of violence and sexual acts with prepubescent children under the age of 12 years. EPPERSON's sentence was also increased because he has prior convictions for a child pornography offense and for failing to register as a sex offender.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney David Szuchman of the Department of Justice, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following EPPERSON's imprisonment. Judge McKinney also imposed special conditions which require EPPERSON to register as a sex offender and prohibit him from possessing any computers or having any unsupervised contact with any minor child. EPPERSON also agrees to forfeit the computer equipment involved in this crime.

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